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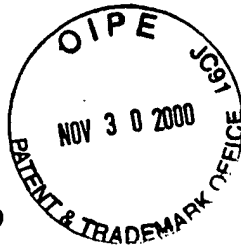
In re Application of

Hans Seiter

Appln. No. : 09/423,619

Filed : November 15, 1999

For : INNER SOLE FOR A SHOE



) Art Unit: 3728

) Ex: T. Arnold, III

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Attachments

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Office Action of July 31, 2000.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 26 and 28 as follows:

26. (Amended) The inner sole of a shoe, comprising:

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a sole base body, defining a sole surface and having a forefoot joint area, a metatarsus/tarsus area, a metatarsus/heel transition area, a heel area, and a plantar arch area;

a sole cover layer;

a first cushioned layer provided in said forefoot joint area;

a second cushioned layer provided in said metatarsus/tarsus transition area;

and

a third cushioned layer provided in said metatarsus/heel transition area,